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SUBJECT: NEW PRC AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT

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1. ACCORDING TO A 1972 US PRESS ARTICLE, YAO KUANG WAS
BORN IN 1921 IN SHANSI PROVINCE AND IS A UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE.

2. THE EARLIEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION OF YAO'S CAREER IS
DATED JANUARY 1955. AT THAT TIME HE WAS HEAD OF THE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE HUPEH PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S
GOVERNMENT. IN MAY 1956 HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS A DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WEST EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN
AFFAIRS. YAO WAS APPOINTED COUNSELOR AT THE
CHINESE COMMUNIST EMBASSY IN WARSAW, POLAND IN NOVEMBER
1957, A POST WHICH HE HELD UNTIL OCTOBER 1963. DURING
THIS TIME, HE WAS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ON A NUMBER OF OC-
CASIONS AND PARTICIPATED IN THE JULY 1960 AMBASSADORIAL-
LEVEL TALKS BETWEEN COMMUNIST CHINA AND THE U.S. YAO WAS
OFFICIALLY RELIEVED OF HIS ASSIGNMENT IN WARSAW IN OCTOBER
1963, HAVING ALREADY LEFT POLAND FOR PEKING IN FEBRUARY OF
THAT YEAR.

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3. IN APRIL 1964 YAO WAS APPOINTED A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
THE SECOND ASIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINI-
STRY AND BECAME DIRECTOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT IN AUGUST OF
THE SAME YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY MEXICO,
HE MADE NO KNOWN APPEARANCE BETWEEN AUGUST 1966 AND
SEPTEMBER 1969, BUT WHEN HE RE-EMERGED IN THE LATTER YEAR,

HE APPEARED TO BE STILL IN HIS OLD POST.

4. AFTER THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, YAO RETURNED TO WARSAW AS AMBASSADOR (AUGUST 1970) WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL DECEMBER 1971. AGAIN HE TOOK PART IN NEGOTIATING WITH U. S. OFFICIALS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. HE BECAME AMBASSADOR TO CANADA IN MARCH 1972 AND ALSO SERVED DURING HIS STAY THERE AS ADVISER TO THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S 27TH SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 1972. IN SEPTEMBER 1973 HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL MAY 1977.

5. YAO HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN AFFABLE BUT RESERVED DIPLOMAT WHO OFTEN MAKES POLITE CONVERSATION WITHOUT OFFERING SUBSTANCE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE HAS IMPRESSED OTHER DIPLOMATS WITH HIS EXPERTISE ON WESTERN COUNTRIES. DESPITE PREVIOUS REPORTS HIS ENGLISH APPEARS TO BE VERY LIMITED.

6. YAO IS MARRIED TO HSIAO MANG. HSIAO SPEAKS ENGLISH AND MAY BE AN OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; SHE IS KNOWN TO HAVE ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND ON HIS FIRST TOUR IN POLAND. THE COUPLE HAS LEAST THREE GROWN CHILDREN. LUCEY

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